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Claims 1 to 5 are maintained for calculating the filing fee.

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After calculating the filing fee, please further enter the accompanying Second Preliminary Amendment which adds new claims 13 to 19 for examination.

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